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SUBJECT - NATO SUMMIT

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NATO SUMMIT MEETING TAKING PLACE BRUSSELS MAY 29-30. OUR COVERAGE
SHOULD BE GUIDED BY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND EXPECTED COMM-
UNIQUE. IN ADDITION, MEETING PROVIDES US WITH OPPORTUNITY
REITERATE CONTINUED UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN ALLIES
AND NATO AND TO STRESS NUMBER RELATED THEMES IN MEDIA OUTPUT
AND PERSONAL CONTACTS.
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THEMES TO BE EMPHASIZED INCLUDE:

--U.S. RESOLVE HONOR COMMITMENTS NATO REMAINS UNCONDITIONAL
AND UNEQUIVOCAL AS IT HAS DONE DURING 26 YEARS NATO'S HISTORY.

NATO AND EUROPE HAVE BEEN CORNERSTONE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY UNDER LEADERSHIP EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE NATO'S INCEPTION AND REMAINS SAME UNDER PRESIDENT FORD.

-- COMMITMENT INCLUDES TREATY OBLIGATION COME TO ASSISTANCE ANY NATO NATION SUBJECTED TO ARMED ATTACK AND PROVISIO THAT ATTACK AGAINST ONE NATO MEMBER CONSIDERED ATTACK AGAINST ALL. USG CONSIDERS SECURITY NATO ALLIES AND UNITED STATES BE ONE AND INDIVIDISLBE.

--U.S. MILITARY STRENGTH REMAINS SECOND TO NONE. QUOTE RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER CONCERNING NEED FOR STRONG DEFENSE POSTURE EVEN DURING TIME OF DETENTE, FOR LATTER IN NO WAY IMPLIES THAT ALL COMPETITION WITH U.S.S.R. HAS DISAPPERED.

-- IN WAKE OF VIETNAM, THERE APPEARS BE NEW CONGRESSIONAL FIRMNESS OF WILL. POINT TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DEFENSE BUDGET, INCLUDING IMPRESSIVE HOUSE VOTE NOT TO REDUCE U.S. TROOPS ABROAD, AS SIGNIFICANT INDICATION CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED MILITARY STRENGTH AND EXAMPLE U.S. DETERMINATION REMAIN STRONG AND RESPECT ITS FOREIGN MILITARY COMMITMENTS.

--U.S. CONSIDERS STRONG AND CREDIBLE DEFENSE BASED ON RATIONAL, EFFICIENT USE RESOURCES PRIME POLICY OBJECTIVE FOR ITSELF AND ALL NATO MEMBER NATIONS.

--U.S. WILL NOT SLACKEN ITS RESOLVE OR NEGLECT ITS SECURITY AND THAT OF NATO ALLIES, FOR U.S. COMMITMENT TO NATO DERIVES FROM PERCEPTION OF AMERICANS OWN INTEREST AND GENERATION OF SHARED EXPERIENCE WITH NATO ALLIES.

-- WHILE U.S. HAS MADE AND PREPARED CONTINUE MAKE RESTRAINT AND NEGOTIATION WITH POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES ONLY REALISTIC OPTION FOR EAST-WEST RELATIONS, IT FULLY AWARE PEACE REQUIRES SECURITY AND STRENGTH WELL AS CONCILIATION.
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--U.S. IS NOT NEUTRAL IN STRUGGLE BETWEEN FREEDOM AND TYRANNY AND WHILE IMPERATIVE TO AVOID THERMONUCLEAR WAR IS AT BASIS OF DETENTE, U.S. WILL NOT TOLERATE SOVIET UNION'S ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD.

-- WHILE FAVORING DETETE AND S
UION ISSUES BEING NEGOTITED AT
CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, NATO
MEMBERS SHOULD INSIST THATFINAL AGREEMENTS AT CSCE ARE
TRANSLATED INTO ACTIONS BY ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

-- EXTENT TO WHICH U.S.S.R. AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT TERMS OF CSCE WILL BE INDICATION OF
EXTENT TO WHICH DETENTE MAY BECOME REALITY RATHER THAN MERE

SLOGAN. MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS (MBFR)
HAVE THUS FAR SHOWN NO SIGNS THAT WARSAW PACT NATIONS
DESIRE CONVERT "POLITICAL DETENTE" INTO "MILITARY DETENTE."

--THERE IS ESSENTIAL CONNECTION BETWEEN DETENTE IN EUROPE AND
SITUATION RELATING TO BERLIN. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED IN
HIS BERLIN SPEECH, BERLIN IS "ACID TEST" OF DETENTE AND U.S.
CONSIDERS THE SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE AND STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF
1971 QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT TO BE "CRUCIAL TEST OF PROCESS
CALLED DETENTE."

--U.S. LOOKS FOR CLOSER CONSULTATION AMONG NATO COUNTRIES AND
HOPES RESOLVE INTERNAL DISPUTES BETWEEN MEMBER NATIONS IN SPIRIT
OF JUSTICE AND RESPECT, WITH VIEW TOWARDS INCREASING BENEFITS
OF SECURITY, FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN
ACHIEVED BY ALLIANCE.

-- AREAS OF CONCERN FOR NATO GO BEYOND STRICTLY MILITARY,
AND CALL FOR RENEWED JOINT EFFORTS IN FIELDS OF ENERGY,
ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND ENTIRE RANGE ELEMENTS RELATED TO OUR
INTERDEPENDENT ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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